LEAVE TEXT

Name: The Reverend John-Fletcher Muckleston , DD of Christchurch College, Oxford , a prebendary of Lichfield and Wolverhampton , m 16 Apr 1793 , Louisa , daughter of the Rev John Preston , of Askham Bryan , in the county of York , and had issue,

I John , in holy orders
II Rowland , a scholar of Worcester College, Oxford
III Louisa
IV Ann , m to Arthur Battersby , esq
V Mary

Dr Muckleston , who inherited Merrington , in the county of Salop , at the decease of his father, sold that estate in 1817 to his cousin, Joseph Muckleston , esq of Prescot , who was high-sheriff of Salop in 1788

The family of Muckleston is of considerable antiquity in the county of Salop

A charter of the Earl of Arundel and Surrey , dated 1399 , recites that the lands of Roger , son of Roger de Mokleston , had been seised into the hands of the earl, his father, "whom God assoile," by reason of forfeiture for outlawry, pronounced against Roger , the son, for the death of Richard de Mokleston , his brother, by him feloniously slain; and it further states, that Richard Yrland , of Oswestry , had, notwithstanding the lands were in the earl's hands, purchased them in fee simple from the said Roger , the son, "now by the advise of our council," says the earl, (such is the almost regal style of our ancient nobles) "and for the sum of £20 paid by Yrland to us, we pardon his purchase of the said land, without having first obtained our license"

There can be no doubt that this transaction refers to the family before us, but it is difficult to assign its proper place in the pedigree, which commences with

Hocskyn Muccleston , born in 1345 , who wedded Gertrude , daughter of Hugh Kynaston , and was father of

Roger Muccleston , living in 1366 , and 1383 , who m Susan Ottley , and besides, of his son, William , who continued the line, was probably father of the Roger and Richard , mentioned in the deed (Blakeway 's Sheriffs of Salop

William Muccleston , espoused Rebecca Lucie , and was s by his son,

Thomas Muccleston , living in the 9th Henry IV who by his wife, Anne Harris , had a son and heir,

William Muckleston , who wedded in the reign of Henry VI Cicely, daughter of Richard Ireland , of Oswestry , and was s by his son,

Thomas Muckleston , living in 1471 , great grandfather of

John Muckleston , esq who married Anne , daughter of Edward Lloyd , of Llwyn-y-maen , and is styled of Pen-y-lan , in Llanvorda , near Oswestry His son and heir,

Edward Muckleston , esq of Pen-y-lan , recorder of Oswestry , became possessed of the estate of Meriden , now Merrington , in the parish of Preston Gobalds , by his marriage (04 Jan 1615) with Mary , daughter and heiress of Thomas Corbet , esq by Sarah , his wife, sister and heiress of Thomas Colefoxe , esq of Merrington Edward Muckleston died in 1638 , and left issue,

I John , his heir

II Rowland , successor to his brother

III Richard , of Shrewsbury , who married and had issue,

1 Richard , who m the daughter John Tayluar , esq of Roddyngton , and had an only child,

John , of Bickton , who wedded Miss Anne Tong , and left an only daughter and heir, Lettice , m to Richard Jenkins , esq of the county of Salop

2 Edward , who m Grace , daughter of Robert Owen , esq of Wilcott , and had two sons, Richard , of Greenfields , and Edward , who d, unmarried

3 Joseph , of Shrewsbury , who m Miss Mary Hawkins , and had

Joseph , of Shrewsbury , who m Catherine , daughter of William Hawkins , esq of Burton-upon-Trent , and had an only daughter and heiress, Catherine , m to Samuel Griffith , esq of Dinthill

Richard , who m Mary , another daughter of William Hawkins , esq and left issue,

Joseph , of Prescott , high sheriff of Salop in 1788 , who purchased in 1817 , as already stated, the estate of Merrington , from his cousin, Dr Muckleston He died unmarried

William-Hawkins , MD of London , who m Frances , daughter of Thomas Prestland , esq of Walford , and left an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth , m to Robert Aglionby Slany , esq son of R Slany , esq of Hatton

4 Benjamin , died unmarried

5 Mary , m to John Edwards , esq of Ness Strange , in the county of Salop , (see page 80)

6 Sarah , m to Morgan Powell , esq

IV Margery , m to Robert Haywood , esq of Woodhouse

V Sarah , m to Francis Lloyd , esq of Cockshutt

VI Anne , m to John Harwood , esq of Tern , and had issue,

1 John Harwood , LLB

2 Thomas Harwood , of Tern Hall , who m Margaret , sister of the Right Hon Richard Hill , and was grandfather of Noel Hill , first Lord Berwick

3 Edward Harwood , m and left issue

4 Martha Harwood , m to Simon Hanmer

5 Abigail Harwood , m to John Congreve , esq of Congreve

6 Anne Harwood , m to George Curties , esq

The eldest son,

John Muckleston , esq succeeded his father in his estates, and in the office of recorder He died unmarried, in 1663 , when Merrington devolved upon his brother,

Rowland Muckleston , esq who espoused Margaret , daughter of Andrew Bowdler , gent and had (with two daughters, Mary , m to - Maddox , esq of Astley , and Margaret , m first to John Howard , and secondly, to Mr John Collier , AM) a son and successor,

Edward Muckleston , esq of Merrington , who wedded Anne , daughter of John Joyce , of Cockshutt , and had issue,

Edward , his heir

John , who m Miss Mary Price , and had a son, Price

Richard , who m Miss Sarah Cowkley , and had a daughter, Sarah , m to Mr Edward Topham

The eldest son,

Edward Muckleston , esq of Merrington , had by Miss Anne Adams , his wife, a son and heir,

John Muckleston , esq of Merrington , who m Miss Jane Sandland , and was s by his son,

John Muckleston , esq of Shrewsbury and Merrington , who m Mary , daughter and co-heiress of John Fletcher , (Mr Fletcher 's mother was daughter of Ralph Thicknesse , esq of Batterly , by Bridget , his wife, daughter of Sir John Egerton , of Wrin??hill , who d in 1675

John-Fletcher , his heir

Charles-Bowdler , of Shrewsbury , who m Miss Mary Smith , of Shrewsbury , and left one son, Edward , of the 25th regiment, who m Miss Eliza Jeffreys , of Willcott , in Salop , and a daughter, Mary , m to Edward Shaw , esq of Condover Grange, Salop

Martha , m to William Cary , esq of Cannock

Mr Muckleston died about the year 1780 , and was s by his elder son, the present Rev John Fletcher Muckleston , DD

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Crest-A greyhound's head erased, ppr collared gules

Residence-The Cathedral Close, Lichfield